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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006, the period for response to which is set to expire on October 10, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: